

PT/INR

Synonyms	Prothrombin Time, Protime, INR
Abbreviation	INR
Specimen type	Whole Blood
Container	Light Blue, Blue/white (Na Citrate)
Volume	3.5 mL tube (Blue) Minimum: 2 mL tube (Blue/white)
Collection requirements	Vacutainer tube must be filled <i>completely</i> and mixed well. Transport to Lab at room temp.
S/H instructions	Refrigerate
Stability	Unopened tubes are stable 24 hours at room temp or refrigerated (either centrifuged or not). Plasma from <i>opened</i> tubes should be tested within 2 hrs at room temp; 4 hrs refrigerated; 2 wks frozen. Carefully separate plasma for storage; add description: "citrate plasma" to label and freeze.
Reference range	INR 0.89-1.11 Therapeutic: 2.0-3.0 Panic: <1.0 or >6.0 INR is a method for standardization of PT results between different institutions.

Routine / STAT T.A.T	Within 4 hours / 1 hour
Section	Coag
LAB code	02401